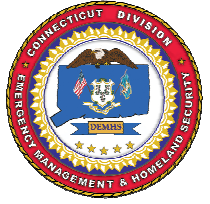




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



Winter Storm Update from DESPP / DEMHS - Posted at 3:00 PM on 11/24/14...

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

The NWS has issued Winter Storm Watches for most of the state (except for the coast) that will go into effect Wednesday morning at 7:00 AM and continue until Thursday morning at 10:00 AM. A significant winter storm is likely on Wednesday. The following forecast is based on current information and may change as we get closer to the event.

A mix of rain and snow is expected to begin between 6:00 - 9:00 AM Wednesday morning with temperatures holding in the low to mid 30's. A minor impact is currently expected on morning rush hour with wet roads expected in most towns and some slush near the end of the rush hour in the higher elevations. The mix is then expected to change over to wet snow across most of the state (except for the Southeast corner) between 9:00 AM and Noon. The snow is forecast to increase in intensity at nearly the same time between 8:00 - 10:00 AM. Temperatures are expected to remain just above freezing with many roads becoming slush covered by late morning. The impact on roads is expected to be elevation dependent with roads above 500 feet becoming snow covered first late Wednesday morning. The wet snow is forecast to continue thru the day (changing over to snow in Southeastern CT by 1:00 PM) and may be heavy at times between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Road conditions are expected to deteriorate during the mid-day across much of the state especially in the higher elevations. The impact on the afternoon rush hour is currently expected to be moderate with many roads away from the coast being slush or snow covered by 4:00 PM. The wet snow is currently expected to taper off Wednesday evening between 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM. At this time there is the potential for 1 - 3" along the coast, 4 - 8" in the valleys of Central and Northern CT and up to 7 - 10" in the Northwest and Northeast Hills. The amount of accumulation will likely be dependent on elevation with locations above 500 feet receiving the most accumulation. Also, (in general) roads are expected to receive about half the accumulation of the grassy areas in most towns. North winds during the storm may cause some limited power outages where the wet snow weighs down on tree limbs. North winds are forecast to be sustained at 10 - 15 MPH with gusts to 30 MPH in most towns and up to 40 MPH along the Southeast coast. The overall impact of this event is expected to be moderate for travel and minor for power outages.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest forecasts and will send out another update at 8:00 AM Tuesday morning.

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